

# GENCOM

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presents

## WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL TURNPIKE (VPIKE.COM)

Use the Virtual turnpike to take a stroll down memory lane and visit your ancestor's home sites or acquaint yourself with an area before you go there. This is a fun and very useful website provided by Google on the web.



**PLUS !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**SO WHERE IS THE DIRT?**

### TOWNSHIP AND RANGE

### PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM ON GOOGLE EARTH

Land records are valuable for genealogical research. They provide evidence of places where our ancestor lived and for how long, when he moved into or out of a locality, at least the name of his wife and sometimes a surprising amount of detailed information about him. But, does the land description - NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 S16 T2N R2E - really confuse you. Land descriptions like this which use the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) are actually easy to understand and to locate using the Township and Range overlay for Google Earth. This overlay tool locates the grid system on Google Earth so that you can see exactly where your ancestors lived.